

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled Claims 7 and 8 as these claims were allowed in the grandparent case, now U.S. Patent No. 6,297,253. Applicants have amended Claims 6, 10, 21, and 25 to correct obvious typographical errors and in view of the cancellations of Claims 7 and 8. Applicants have added new Claims 26-32 drawn to narrower and more preferred embodiments of the invention and the elected species. Finally, Applicants have amended the claims to remove the multiple dependencies from the case, and new Claims 33 and 34 have been added in accordance with these amendments. No new matter is believed to be added. Entry and favorable consideration are kindly requested.

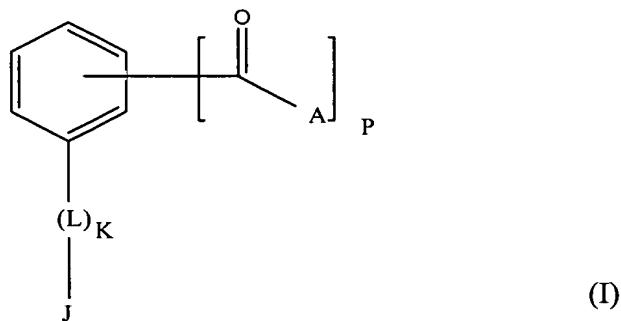
The Examiner has required restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-11 and 20-25, drawn to methods of use; and

Group II: Claims 12-19, drawn to compounds and methods of identifying.

The Examiner has also required the election of a single disclosed species.

In response thereto, Applicants elect, albeit with traverse, Group II, Claims 12-19. In addition, as an elected species, Applicants elect, also with traverse, the species of the compound having the following formula (I) wherein K = 1 and L is a linker group containing an oxygen atom:



wherein A, independently, = CH_3 , CH_2CH_3 , COH , COCH_3 , COCH_2CH_3 , CH_2COCH_3 , $\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{COCH}_3$, or $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$; P = 1 or 2; and wherein J represents (i)

a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, straight or branched acyclic hydrocarbon group; (ii) a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, straight or branched acyclic group containing hetero atoms such as nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen; (iii) a substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or aromatic, mono- or poly- cyclic group having 3 to 20 carbon atoms; or (iv) a substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or aromatic, mono- or poly- heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 atoms, at least one of which is nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen.

Claims 1-6, 9-21 and 23-34 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully submit that examination of all currently pending claims would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner. Section 803 of The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicants therefore respectfully request examination of all currently pending claims.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have elected a single disclosed species for purposes of the initial search. Applicants note that an ultimate species was not requested and trust that the species elected above will suffice for purposes of the initial search. If a narrower species is required, however, Applicants provisionally further elect, albeit with traverse, the species elected above but wherein J is (iv) a substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or aromatic, mono- or poly- heterocyclic group having 3 to 20 atoms, at least one of which is a nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen. If the elected species is found allowable, Applicants kindly request that the search be expanded to include a reasonable number of species. 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner require further election or have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants kindly request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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